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SUBJECT: ALGERIA RESERVED ON MARCH 2 IAEA BOARD MEETING

REF: STATE 16285

Classified By: Pol/Econ Section Chief Mark Schapiro; reasons 1.4 (b and d).

¶1. (C) We delivered reftel demarche to MFA Deputy Director of International Security Issues Ali Alaoui on February 25. We underscored USG concerns regarding the IAEA reports on Iran and Syria and urged Algeria to make a strong national statement on both issues at the upcoming Board of Governors meeting March 2. We also asked for Algeria's support in releasing the Syria report to the public.

¶2. (C) Alaoui provided no substantive comment in response to our request, but undertook to convey our message to Algeria's mission in Vienna and his colleagues in multilateral affairs.

Alaoui reiterated Algeria's general position regarding Iran's nuclear activities, noting that diplomacy and dialogue were keys to greater cooperation with Iran, not threats and sanctions. As to the NPT framework, Alaoui asserted the need for a more balanced dialogue that includes more focus on the disarmament efforts of nuclear states in addition to non-proliferation concerns.

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